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SUBJ: CYPRUS NATO ROLE AND FURTHER STEPS

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1. ON JULY 29, THE EVE OF SYG LUNS' DEPARTURE ON FOUR WEEKS  
VACATION (HE HAS CANCELLED AN OVERSEAS TRIP AND WILL REMAIN WITHIN  
"A FEW HOURS" OF NATO HEADQUARTERS TO BE AVAILABLE IN CASE OF  
EMERGENCY), CHARGE (PRENDERGAST) CALLED ON THE SYG TO DISCUSS  
THE COUNCIL'S AND LUNS' PRESENT ROLES AND POSSIBLE FURTHER STEPS  
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IN THE ONGOING CYPRUS CRISIS, PRENDERGAST DREW FULLY ON REF A.  
LUNS REQUESTED THAT HIS GRATITUDE BE EXPRESSED TO THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT FOR THE COMPLIMENT AND WARM WORDS OF APPRECIATION.  
THE SYG ASSURED CHARGE THAT DEPUTY SYG PANSA WAS FULLY BRIEFED

ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND WAS IN FULL ACCORD WITH LUNS OWN VIEWS ON IT. DURING LUNS' ABSENCE PANSAS AS ACTING SYG HAD FULL POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF SYG INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF ITS WATCHING BRIEFS. LUNS ASKED THAT MISSION CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH PANSAS ON CYPRUS AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING WITH LUNS.

2. DURING DISCUSSION, SUBJECT OF PRESS RELATIONS AROSE, SPECIFICALLY UPI STORY DATED BRUSSELS JULY 25 WHICH ALLEGED U.S.-EUROPEAN UNITY BROKE DOWN AT THE START OF THE CYPRUS COUP AND ONLY A REVERSAL OF U.S. POLICY PERMITTED ALLIED COOPERATION TO END THE CRISIS. LUNS EXPRESSED HIS DISMAY AT INACCURACY AND UNHELPFULNESS OF THIS STORY PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ITS INTERPRETATION OF THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CRISIS. THE SYG CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE ENTIRE STORY WAS SOURCED TO "EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS". HE DID NOT KNOW WHO THESE INDIVIDUALS MIGHT BE BUT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THEY WERE NOT MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF AND HE FELT REASONABLY CERTAIN NEITHER WERE THEY MEMEBERS OF ALLIED NATO DELEGATIONS. LUNS RECALLED HIS JULY 24 PRESS CONFERENCE (SEE REF B) IN WHICH HE DID HIS BEST TO DISPEL THE IMPRESSIONS REFLECTED IN THE UPI STORY WHICH WERE AT THAT TIME RATHER WIDESPREAD IN THE EUROPEAN PRESS. PRENDERGAST EMPHASIZED THAT STORIES OF THIS ILK BESIDES BEING WRONG SERVED ONLY TO STIMULATE DISSENSION AND DISTRUST AND EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.PRENDERGAST

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